



# Cahuilla Band of Indians

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*April Newsletter*



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## CTEPO Updates!

### Announcement!

**Join CTEPO for a Waste Management Workshop  
May 21st-23rd.  
More Information on the following page!**

March went by in a blast! There was much to do and plenty of preparation work to be conducted for the coming months, especially with Earth Day just around the corner ([June 21st](#))!

At the beginning of March, Luther and Jake made their way out to New Mexico for the Clean Water Act Training. While in Albuquerque, they learned about important updates and protocols necessary for ensuring Cahuilla maintains an adequate governmental water testing system. Both Luther and Jake are ready to put this new information to good use in testing the well water and surface waters of Cahuilla!

Most of Alyssa's March was spent planning and putting together an exciting new visual project intended to bolster the environmental education efforts on and about Cahuilla. Soon enough this project should be ready for sharing with all of you and we could not be more excited!

Our waste team was busy, as always, this month. In what became an absolute odyssey, Jake and Jason were able to obtain a 40-yard bin to hold another community bulk waste event! With considerable participation, we hope Tribal Members found that all of their bulk waste needs were met!

The waste team also began another small project in which they began a composting bin at the Tribal Admin offices for employees to use. They hope to grow a sizeable compost pile to further enrich the environmental services offered by our department and divert as much waste possible from local landfills.

Overall, March was a time for water, waste and watercolor pencils! We are excited to see what the month of April brings for CTEPO and Cahuilla!

# Integrated Solid Waste Management Workshop

Join CTEPO for an informative waste workshop led by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)!



## What You'll Learn About:

- Health and Safety
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Alternative Cleaning Methods
- Source Water Protection
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Recycling, E-waste, & White Goods
- Food Waste & Composting



**Tribal Members and Employees are all welcome to sign up!**

**Please be sure to contact CTEPO if you have any questions or would like to attend the workshop!**

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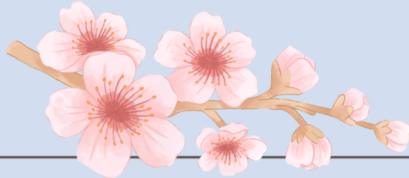
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# Spring Calendar

## APRIL 2024

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## MAY 2024

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## JUNE 2024

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### Flourishing Fun Facts

April's birth flower is the daisy which is a spring-blooming flower that represents new beginnings.

The first Arbor Day was held on April 10th, 1872. That day around 1 million trees were planted.

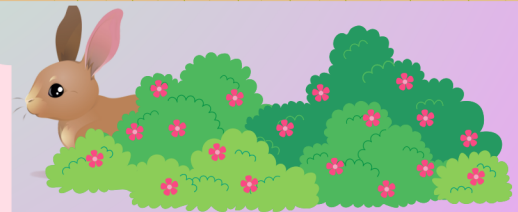
April's full moon is called the Pink Moon. Other names for this month's moon include Sprouting Grass Moon, Egg Moon, and Fish Moon.

### Growing Giggles

Did you hear about the flower who went on a date with another flower?  
**It's a budding romance.**

What monster plays the most April Fools' jokes?  
**Frankenstein.**

Why do eggs like April Fools' Day?  
**They love practical yolks.**





# Earth Day

*One day a year humanity comes together to celebrate this planet we all call home...*

## Once Upon a Time

In the year 1970, US Senator Gaylord Nelson organized one of the largest movements in history. An estimated 20 million people across the US gathered in the streets to call for more impactful environmental regulations in the wake of numerous alarming environmental events, including the Santa Barbara oil spill.

With the intent to motivate the world, Nelson enlisted Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize a nationwide call for change. This project was largely reliant upon the passion of young college students to generate real momentum needed in numbers. April 22nd was chosen as the ideal date, landing between Spring Break and finals, in an effort to maximize attendance of said demographic.

The unprecedented levels of participation captured the attention of not only American politicians, but also the world. This pressure from the public led to the development of a number of new policies and organizations during the next few years. Earth Day has helped inspire generations of environmentalists to continue pushing for important causes throughout the globe.

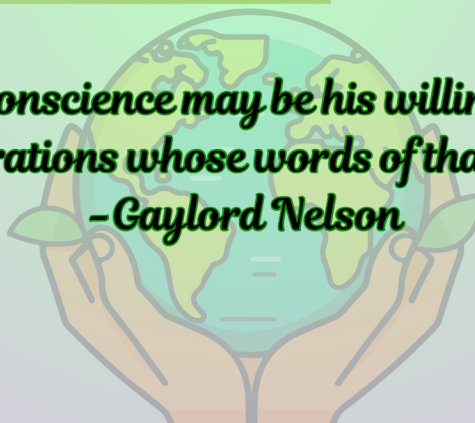


**Come Join  
Cahuilla's Earth  
Day Celebration!**

**June 21st  
11am-2pm**

***"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."***

***-Gaylord Nelson***



## Some Ways You Can Celebrate Earth Day

Watch a nature documentary!

Attend a virtual Earth Day event!

Read **Silent Spring** by Rachel Carson!

Pick up the litter around your neighborhood!

Try making art by upcycling!

Volunteer for a local cleanup!

Go to a park/greenspace that you love!

## Gifts from Earth Days Past

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency
- **US Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act**
- Commemorative Signing Date for the Paris Climate Agreement
- **Dozens of youth climate education initiatives with educators in 149 countries**
- **36 million cleanup volunteers**
- **100s of MILLIONS of trees planted**

## Planet Full of Plastics

This year's US Earth Day focuses on plastics. Plastics are incredibly harmful to both the environment and human health. Even so, over 380 million tons of plastic are produced each year to keep up with our global needs.

Despite misconceptions, plastic is difficult to effectively recycle so each year we require more and more virgin plastics and discard the old. When plastic refuse breaks down, they become microplastics which contaminate our food, water, air, and even our bloodstreams.

This year's Earth Day aims to bring greater public awareness to this issue and encourage us all to leave our plastic days behind us.



# Cahuilla Earth Day



## SAVE THE DATE!

June 21st, 2024  
11:00am-2:00pm

Please join the  
Cahuilla Band of  
Indians in our 2024  
celebration of Earth  
Day!

## Cahuilla Softball Field

2000 Cahuilla Rd.  
Aguanga, CA 92536  
Look for the Sign!

Come celebrate Cahuilla Earth Day  
with us!

We'll have the opportunity to learn  
about current environmental topics  
and spend the day enjoying the  
company of one another in the  
beautiful expanse that is Cahuilla!

We're excited to see you there!

**This event is for all ages and is open  
to the public!**

If you have any questions about the event,  
please contact the Environmental  
Protection Office at  
(951) 763-5549 or (951) 492-9191.  
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# Word Scramble

Solve the anagrams in the first part of the puzzle.

Use the circled letters from the unscrambled words to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom.

Each circled letter is used just once.

**The first Tribal Member to call CTEPO with the final phrase will win a special prize!**

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Secret Phrase!

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